

**REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Minutes of a Special Meeting Held on April 24, 2006

On April 24, 2006, a regular meeting of the RTM Public Works Committee was held in Room 213 of the Darien Town Hall with eight out of twelve members present.

Present were:

Charles Andrew	L.J. Galvin
David Bayne (Chairman)	Frank Kemp
John DeVita	Stephen Johnson
Mark Dailey (Vice-Chairman)	Thomas Moore

Absent were Elsie Berl, John Price, Bruce Rae, and Brian Rayhill.

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m. and Chairman David Bayne volunteered and was unanimously elected to serve as Temporary Clerk for the meeting. Frank Kemp volunteered to assist by taking additional notes of the meeting.

The Committee then unanimously approved the minutes of the January 23, March 20 and March 27 Committee meetings.

A discussion and vote was then held on the resolution accepting a proposed gift from the Garden Club of Darien of approximately \$11,765 for landscaping and the installation of an irrigation system in front of the Town Hall. It was agreed that the proposed landscaping and irrigation system would improve the appearance of Town Hall and is a benefit to the Town of Darien. The Committee, therefore, voted unanimously to approve the resolution and authorized the Chairman to report favorably on the resolution and recommend its adoption by the entire RTM.

A discussion and vote was then held upon the resolution accepting a proposed gift from the Veterans of Foreign Wars of approximately \$15,550 for the purchase and installation of memorials and landscaping in the circle in front of Town Hall. Mr. Bayne distributed a rendering of the proposed redesigned circle which he obtained from Mr. Philip Kraft, Chairman of the Monuments and Ceremonies Commission which is coordinating the gift on behalf of the Town. Mr. Bayne also recounted Mr. Kraft's description of the monuments as including large three field stones. Two of the stones will have plaques bearing the names of those from Darien who died in each war from the Civil War through Vietnam War. The third stone will bear a plaque with an "in memoriam" statement and have space for additional names of fallen Darien servicemen and women should the need arise. Landscaping, an irrigation system, benches and electric lights are also part of the gift and will be installed along with the monuments. It was also noted that much of the material and labor is being donated by local business people. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the resolution and authorized the Chairman to report favorably on the resolution and recommend its adoption by the entire RTM.

There was also a brief discussion of the proposed lease of a third of an acre of property at the Town Dump to Felix and Sylvia Callari for use by the BMW dealership they own which is located next to the Dump on Ledge Road. The Public Works Committee has been designated as the primary RTM committee assigned to the lease and the Chairman outlined some of the concerns he had raised in an April 20, 2006 letter he sent to the Town

Administrator and Town Counsel concerning the proposed lease. With respect to whether the lease is a market rate lease, Mr. Dailey noted that the Jaguar dealership on the Post Road recently expanded and suggested that we should investigate whether there are any leases or sales of property for its use with which we can compare the proposed Callari lease. It was agreed that because the lease may be subject to further revision and will be on the agenda of a future committee meeting, that further discussion of it would be deferred.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David F. Bayne
Chairman & Temporary Clerk
RTM Public Works Committee